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1. IRAN BEGAN DEBATE ON ITEM 4 (STRAITS) BY SUPPORTING INNOCENT PASSAGE REGIME WHICH WOULD TAKE INTO ACCOUNT STRAITS USED FOR INTERNATIONAL NAVIGATION. DENMARK STRESSED NEED FOR TRANSIT PASSAGE ONLY FOR STRAITS GREATER THAN 6 MILES IN BREADTH AS CONTAINED IN DRAFT ARTICLES SUBMITTED JOINTLY WITH FINLAND AMENDING U.K. ARTICLES. DANES ALSO REFERRED TO SOVIET ARTICLES WHICH WOULD INTERFERE WITH DANISH PLANS FOR BRIDGE ACROSS STRAIT. FINLAND EMPHASIZED NO NEED FOR CHANGE IN EXISTING REGIME IN STRAITS LESS THAN 6 MILES IN BREADTH.

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U.K. RESPONDED TO QUESTIONS ABOUT ITS RECENTLY INTRODUCED DRAFT

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ARTICLES WHICH CONTAIN A CHAPTER ON TRANSIT PASSAGE IN INTER-
NATIONAL STRAITS LINKING HIGH SEAS AREAS. U.K. REFERRED,
INTER ALIA, TO IMCO APPROVED MANDATORY TRAFFIC SEPARATION SCHEMES,
GEOGRAPHIC EXCEPTIONS TO STRAITS REGIME AND PRESERVATION OF
EXISTING CONVENTIONS ON PARTICULAR STRAITS.

2. SRI LANKA PRESENTED SUGGESTION OF GENERAL NOTIFICATION FOR
PASSAGE. THEY DID NOT DIRECTLY ATTACK SUBMERGED TRANSIT OR OVER-
FLIGHT IN STRAITS. SOVIETS EXPLAINED THEIR DRAFT ARTICLES AND
EXPOUNDED ON DAMAGE TO FLOW OF INTERNATIONAL COMMERCE IF STRAITS
WERE RESTRICTED. U.S.S.R. ALSO STRESSED SECURITY INTERESTS OF
BOTH STRAIT STATES AND TRANSIT STATES AND STATED THEY WOULD NEVER
AGREE TO INNOCENT PASSAGE REGIME. SOVIETS DIFFERENTIATED CLEARLY
BETWEEN THEIR PROPOSAL ON STRAITS LINKING HIGH SEAS AREAS AND
OTHER PROPOSALS ON STRAITS ALSO LINKING HIGH SEAS AND TERRITORIAL
SEA (E.G., TIRAN). GERMAN DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC, CZECHOSLOVAKIA
AND MONGOLIA SUPPORTED EASTERN EUROPEAN ARTICLES. CUBA STRONGLY
SUPPORTED FREEDOM OF NAVIGATION AND OVERFLIGHT IN INTER-
NATIONAL STRAITS CITING U.S. NAVAL AGGRESSION AS REASON RIGHT WAS
VITAL TO THEM. SWEDEN SPOKE IN FAVOR OF INNOCENT PASSAGE REGIME
FOR STRAITS BUT INDICATED THAT IF MAJORITY OF STATES VOTE FOR
QUOTE MORE LIBERAL REGIME UNQUOTE THEY WOULD AGREE THAT IN ANY
CASE FREE NAVIGATION COULD ONLY APPLY TO STRAITS WIDER THAN 6
MILES.

3. U.S. REP (JOHN NORTON MOORE) GAVE STATEMENT ON U.S. STRAITS
POSITIONS WITH FOCUS ON WAY U.S. PROPOSALS MET COASTAL STATE
CONCERNS WITH SECURITY, SAFETY, AND POLLUTION. TEXT CABLED SEPTEL.

4. TANZANIAN REP (WAROIBA) DELIVERED DOGMATIC STATEMENT THAT WAS
DIRECTLY CONTRARY TO U.S. POSITION IN VIRTUALLY EVERY RESPECT.
HE REFUSED TO CONSIDER OVERFLIGHT RIGHTS IN STRAITS OR TO CONSIDER
STRAITS AS BEING ANY DIFFERENT FROM REST OF TERRITORIAL SEA. HE
ENDORSED INNOCENT PASSAGE FOR MERCHANT VESSELS BUT NEED FOR
ADVANCE NOTIFICATION FOR WARSHIPS STATING THAT REFUSAL COULD BE
SERVICE TO MANKIND. HE STATED THAT COASTAL STATE HAD POWER TO
REFUSE PASSAGE OF NUCLEAR VESSELS OR ONES CARRYING DANGEROUS
GOODS. WARSHIPS COULD NOT PASS SECRETLY AS THIS DID NOT PERFORM
ANY INTERNATIONAL SERVICE. TANZANIA DID NOT LOOK WITH FAVOR UPON
U.S.S.R., U.S., OR U.K. PROPOSALS (N.B. U.K. PROPOSAL CONTAINS
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SPECIFIC EXCEPTION INTENDED TO ACCOMMODATE TANZANIAN STRAITS
PROBLEM.)

5. ITALY REMINDED DELEGATES THAT IT HAD STRAITS PROPOSAL
BEFORE CONFERENCE BUT SAID IT FELT THE U.K. ARTICLES MET THEIR
NEEDS AND WAS WORTHY OF STUDY. CHAIRMAN ANNOUNCED THAT REVISED
WORKING PAPER ON TERRITORIAL SEA WITH ADDENDUM ON INNOCENT PASSAGE
WOULD BE OUT BY JULY 23 AFTER CLEARANCE BY BUREAU AND THAT DIS-

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CUSSION OF STRAITS WOULD TERMINATE TOMORROW AFTERNOON.
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